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SUBJECT: Foreign Relations Committee to Investigate Contras

According to Charles "Chip" Andreae, Senator Lugar's Administrative Assistant, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee will investigate allegations of drug trafficking by the contras. The investigation will be launched following the November elections and is being conducted at the urging of Senator John Kerry (D., MA). The Committee has empowered its staff to take depositions from 14 US citizens and foreign nationals implicated in drug trafficking. The Committee will not release the names. Subpoenas can be issued in cases where information is being withheld after polling members of the Foreign Relations Committee; a majority vote is required.



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